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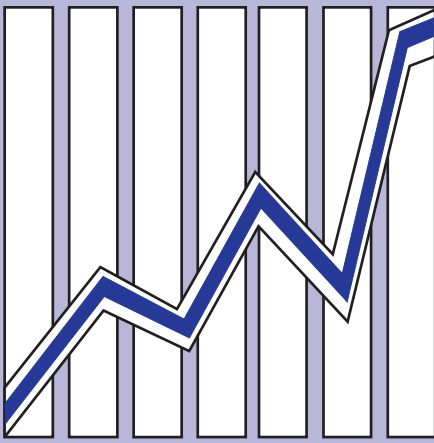
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 - ✿ ***Revised NIPA and Related Estimates.*** Revised NIPA estimates for 1929–58 and revised estimates of fixed assets and consumer durable goods for 1925–98 that reflect the recent comprehensive NIPA revision will be presented in the April SURVEY. Revised estimates of gross product by industry and revised regional estimates of personal income that incorporate the NIPA revision will be presented in subsequent issues. For more information, see the box on page 6.
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